



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BROMSGROVE



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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year 1964.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BROMSGROVE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1964

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1964

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the health of the Rural District of Bromsgrove during the year ended 31st December, 1964.

The general health of the population remained very satisfactory. There was an increase on the number of births while, in spite of the increased population, there was a fall in the number of deaths. The illegitimacy rate has not increased and the still birth rate is the lowest figure for the past five years. Deaths from malignant diseases and cancer of the lung in particular, do not show an upward trend but, on the other hand, the figures for violent and accidental deaths as a percentage of the total deaths are the highest in the past fifteen years.

The number of notifications of infectious diseases was less than half those for 1963. Only two cases of dysentery and two of food poisoning were notified.

The total of primary immunisations against diphtheria and whooping cough again increased. There was also an increase in the number of vaccinations against smallpox.

There was a continued fall in the total of registered cases of tuberculosis.

The population increased by 2010. Of this 407 was by natural increase (births minus deaths), the remaining 1603 being by migration into the district. The latter figure represent some 496 families.

There was a small fall in the number of applicants on the Council's housing list. Twenty-six council houses were first let during the year while 511 were built by private enterprise.

I am happy to report that 'Meals on Wheels' services were commenced in the Hagley and Wythall areas. This most useful service has long been overdue and I hope that it will be extended.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work done by the Public Health Inspectors, the help given by officers of other departments and the assistance given by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres 45,610	
Registrar General's estimate of resident population	Mid 1964 - 39,020 Mid 1963 - 37,010 Mid 1947 - 25,230 Mid 1937 - 19,620
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book	End of 1964 - 11,963 End of 1963 - 11,428 End of 1962 - 11,082 End of 1961 - 10,939 End of 1947 - 7,798 End of 1937 - 6,645
Rateable Value 31st March 1964	£1,304,952
Sum represented by a Penny Rate at 31st March 1964	£5,550

POPULATION BY PARISHES

	<u>Estimated</u>	
	<u>1939</u>	<u>1964</u>
Alvechurch	3,236	6,460
Belbroughton	2,676	2,750
Bentley Pauncefoot	344	320
Beoley	770	940
Clent	1,943	2,300
Cofton Hackett	3,736	5,100
Dodford-with-Grafton	513	650
Frankley	184	150
Hagley	2,233	4,220
Hunnington	543	650
Romsley	1,070	1,670
Stoke Prior	2,130	2,840
Tutnall & Cobley	697	840
Wythall	4,482	10,130
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	24,557	39,020
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Average per house 3.23

VITAL STATISTICS

(1963 figures in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	345 (393)	386 (328)	731 (721)
Illegitimate	15 (12)	10 (13)	25 (25)
	<u>360 (405)</u>	<u>396 (341)</u>	<u>756 (746)</u>

Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population)

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1964 - Eng. Wales</u>
Crude	19.37	20.15	19.75	18.69	14.1	18.4 (18.2)
Comparability						
Factor	0.90	0.91	0.97	0.98		
Standardised	17.43	18.33	19.15	18.31		

Illegitimacy Rate (Total live illegitimate births per hundred total Live Births)

<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1937</u>
3.30	3.35	4.07	3.49	3.20

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	8	10 (12)
Illegitimate	-	-	- -
	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10 (12)</u>

Still Birth Rate (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births)

<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1964 - Eng. & Wales</u>
12.72	15.8	16.5	14.9	38.1	16.3 (17.3)

DEATHS

	M.		F.		Total	
	179 (203)		170 (168)		349 (371)	
<u>Death Rate</u> (Deaths per 1,000 population)						
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1964 - Eng.Wales</u>
Crude	8.94	10.04	9.98	9.13	11.1	11.3 (12.2)
Comparability						
Factor	1.22	1.22	1.24	1.19		
Standardised	10.90	12.24	12.37	10.86		

Major Causes of Deaths (Percentages of Total Deaths)

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	47.0%	47.2%	50.5%	49.0%
2. Malignant Diseases	20.3%	19.9%	17.2%	20.5%
3. Respiratory Diseases (excluding T.B.)	10.6%	15.3%	11.7%	12.4%
4. Violent and Accidental Deaths	7.4%	5.9%	3.9%	4.6%

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births)

<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1964 - Eng.Wales</u>
NIL	NIL	NIL	1.47	NIL	0.25 (0.28)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS

Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	9	9	18 (9)
Illegitimate	2	-	2 (1)
	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>20 (10)</u>

Neonatal Deaths (under 4 weeks of age)

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	7	6	13 (5)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (1)
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13 (6)</u>

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

Legitimate	6	5	11 (4)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (1)
	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11 (5)</u>

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1964 - Eng.</u> <u>Wales</u>
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	24.62	12.48	20.49	17.29	-
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	80.00	40.00	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 4 wks. of age per 1,000 total live births	17.19	8.04	15.45	13.65	13.8
Deaths of infants under 1 yr. of age per 1,000 total live births	26.45	13.40	19.66	16.69	20.0
Still births & deaths under 1 wk. combined per 1,000 total live & still births	27.41	22.42	29.00	25.41	

Causes of Infant Deaths

Congenital Malformation	4
Prematurity	4
Respiratory Disease	8
Other Causes	4

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT

1964

Causes of Death	M.	F.	Total	Mortality Rate per 1,000 pop.
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	1	-	1	.02
2. Tuberculosis other	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	2	8	.22
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung & bronchus	12	3	15	.38
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	9	9	.23
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3	3	.07
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	16	31	.79
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	3	2	5	.12
16. Diabetes	-	3	3	.07
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	13	30	43	1.10
18. Coronary disease, angina	49	26	75	1.92
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	3	6	.15
20. Other heart disease	11	18	29	.74
21. Other circulatory disease	4	7	11	.28
22. Influenza	1	-	1	.02
23. Pneumonia	7	4	11	.28
24. Bronchitis	17	6	23	.59
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2	.05
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2	3	.07
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1	.02
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2	.05
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3	.07
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	3	4	7	.17
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	13	18	31	.79
33. Motor vehicle accidents	5	1	6	.15
34. All other accidents	5	10	15	.38
35. Suicide	4	1	5	.12
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	179	170	349	10.90

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the antenatal, child welfare school health, dental and specialist clinics, where much valuable work is done towards the preservation of the health of the community and the prevention of disease.

The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Services, provided by the County Council, supported by the services managed by the W.V.S., the British Red Cross, continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help.

(a) Hospital Services

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district:-

Infectious Disease	Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen Little Bromwich Fever Hospital, Birmingham
Tuberculoasis	Knightwick Sanatorium Hayley Green Sanatorium, Halesowen
Maternity	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge Lucy Baldwins Maternity Hospital, Stourport The Birmingham Maternity Hospital, Birmingham
Children's Diseases	Children's Hospital, Birmingham
Venereal Disease	General Hospital, Birmingham Royal Infirmary, Worcester
Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove Powick Mental Hospital, Malvern
Chest Surgery	Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove
General	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Bromsgrove Cottage Hospital Smallwood Hospital, Redditch
Aged Chronic Sick	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove

(b) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Infirmary, Worcester. Chemical analysis of water and miscellaneous specimens was carried out by the County Laboratory at Worcester. I am indebted to the Directors of these laboratories for their ready assistance and co-operation.

(c) Ambulance Service

This is provided by the County Council and the Rural District is served from depots at Bromsgrove and Redditch.

(d) Health Education

The Council contributes to the Central Council for Health Education. Health education is carried out mainly by the County Council.

(e) Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels services were commenced in the Hagley and Wythall areas through the agency of the W.V.S. The total of meals delivered was as follows:

Hagley	863
Wythall	403

1. Sanitary Inspections of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector in his report gives details of the Sanitary Inspections carried out during the year.

2. Water Supply

The whole supply of main water in the District is now the responsibility of various statutory water undertakings.

Most of the houses in the district were supplied with main piped water supplies which were satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were still, however, many dwellings and farm premises with only well water supplies. These well supplies were to a large extent unsatisfactory and householders were advised to boil the water before use.

Routine sampling of drinking water from private wells, springs and boreholes for bacteriological and chemical analysis was continued during the year. The results were very poor; 75% were bacteriologically unsatisfactory while 16% were chemically unsatisfactory.

Sampling at source of main supplies was done by the Water Undertakings.

During the year the following extensions of mains were effected:-

The City of Birmingham Water Department	2,490 yards
East Worcestershire Waterworks Company	1,331 yards
The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	48 yards
North West Worcestershire Water Board	667 yards

The following was the position with regard to the schemes for water main extensions:-

Alvechurch

Lea End

In abeyance

Belbroughton

The Nutnalls

Awaiting East Worcestershire Waterworks Company to proceed. Guarantee agreement executed.

Beoley

Hob Hill/Lilley Green Area

East Worcestershire Waterworks
Company requested to proceed.
Guarantee agreement executed.

Chapel Green

East Worcestershire Waterworks
Company requested to proceed.
Guarantee agreement awaited.

Dodford

Additional extension at
Woodcote Green

Completed during the year.

Stoke Prior

Finch End & Fininstall
Park Farm

In abeyance

3. Drainage and Sewerage

The following are the sewage disposal works situated in the District:-

Alvechurch

Lye Bridge

Clent

Hossill Lane

Belbroughton

Weybridge

Hagley

Sweetpool Lane

Hunnington

Illey Lane

Fininstall

Pumping Station to Bromsgrove U.D.C.

Stoke Prior

Henbrook Disposal Works, Shaw Lane

Wythall

Houndsfield Lane

Apart from schemes which have been previously considered and are at present in abeyance, the general position with regard to schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

Alvechurch

Bittell Road Area
(duplication)

Completed

Bordesley and Rowney Green
Area

Dependent upon construction of new
sewer by Redditch Urban District
Council. Matters re-opened recently
and terms of agreement with Redditch
to be agreed.

Lye Bridge Works Extension

Approved in principle by Ministry.
Purchase of land completed. Tenders
will be invited shortly so that work
can follow the completion of the
village sewerage scheme.

Alvechurch Village Area

Work has commenced. Loan sanction
received for £23,100.

Belbroughton

Fairfield

Approved in principle by Ministry. The length of sewer in the bridge carrying the Stourbridge Road across the motorway has been installed. The Ministry have no objection to this Council's scheme and the Bromsgrove Urban Council's scheme proceeding. The River Board's comments have been invited by the U.D.C. and if favourable the respective schemes will be brought up to date and tenders invited.

Stoneybridge extension

The length of sewer crossing main Stourbridge Road has, on the Council's instructions, been installed by the County Surveyor in connection with highway works.

Beoley

Holt End

Scheme approved by Ministry. Purchase of land completed. Details of "packaged" treatment plant being prepared to enable invitation of tenders.

Clent

Field Lane

Completed

Clent and Hagley

Re-siting of sludge disposal installation (From Hagley to Hossill Lane, Clent)

As a result of complaints of smell the Council instructed the Consulting Engineers to proceed with this scheme as a matter of urgency. An order for compulsory acquisition of land in hand.

Abolition of Horse Pasture site and provision of main sewer to Hagley

Completed

Frankley

M.5 Service Area

This scheme will serve only the Frankley service area on the M.5 and the cost of construction and subsequent maintenance will be met by the Minister of Transport. In hand.

Hunnington

Illey Lane Works,
Reconstruction & extension.
Storm overflow provision in
Halesowen/Bromsgrove Road.

Scheme ready for submission to
Ministry.

Romsley

Dark Lane

Surveyor preparing scheme for
extension to serve two additional
houses and subject to vesting of
existing private sewer.

Stoke Prior

Henbrook Works extension

The appointment of a Consulting
Chemist has been authorised to
advise upon trade waste control.
Industrialists discharging trade
waste to works have submitted
trade effluent notices and these
have been referred to the Surveyor
and Consulting Chemist. Revised
scheme in course of preparation.

Wythall

Inkford & Tanners Green
(Hill Lane, Alcester Road,
Barkers Lane & Mill Lane,
branch off Mill Lane &
Dipple Lane).

This scheme may be affected by the
proposed Upper Tame Drainage Board
area.

Shawbrook area

This scheme may be affected by the
Upper Tame Drainage Board area and
in any event will need to await
commencement of work of extension
at the Houndsfield Lane Disposal
Works.

Houndsfield Lane Works
re-construction & extension

Approved in principle by Ministry.
Additional land required is the
subject of a confirmed Compulsory
Purchase Order. District Valuer
is endeavouring to agree purchase
price with owner's agents.
Detailed scheme in course of
preparation by Consulting Engineers.

Pail Emptying

The pail emptying service was continued at weekly intervals in areas of the Parishes of Beoley, Stoke Prior and Wythall.

A total of 113 households were served and also 34 caravans on the Council's land at May Lane, Wythall.

4. Public Cleansing

This service is administered by the Surveyor's Department. Domestic refuse is collected fortnightly and cesspools are emptied quarterly free of charge.

SECTION D

HOUSING

As will be seen from figures under Section A of this report the population of the district was increased by 2010. At the end of the year there were 552 applicants on the Council's housing list compared with 572 at the end of 1963.

26 Council houses were first let during the year while 511 were built by private enterprise.

Details of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts are included in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during the year and every effort was made to ensure clean and safe handling of foodstuffs. Further reference to the subject is made in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

Food Poisoning

Two cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. The cause was not found in spite of investigations.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases 1964

DISEASE	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Diphtheria	-
Scarlet Fever	9
Measles	270
Whooping Cough	19
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Dysentery	2
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Erysipelas	2
Acute Pneumonia	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Malaria	-
Food Poisoning	2
TOTAL	306

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

Primary Immunisation

Under 5 years old	663 (539)
5 - 14 years old	7 (19)
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	670 (558)
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Re-inforcing (Booster) injections	752 (667)
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Smallpox

No case of smallpox was reported.

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during 1964:-

Age at 31.12.64. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1 1964 1963		2 - 4 1960 - 1961	5 - 15 1950 - 1959	15 & over 1949	Total
Number vaccinated	52	237	41	5	12	347
Number revaccinated	-	-	2	8	42	52

Whooping Cough

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the Authority's area during the year ended 31.12.64:-

0 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	Total
616	3	619

Tuberculosis

Incidence & Mortality during 1964

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	-

The District Health Department maintains a list of individuals resident within the District notified as suffering from tuberculosis. This was kept up to date by information received from the County Medical Officer of Health.

Eleven cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

The total number of registered cases was 144 (163) as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	64	71	135
Non-pulmonary	5	4	9
	69	75	144

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In submitting my report for the year 1964, it is a pleasure to state that it has been possible to comply with the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 in as much as 100% inspection of meat slaughtered in your area has been carried out and I would comment on the high quality of the meat slaughtered in the five slaughterhouses operating in the District.

Again, progress has been made in the repair and reconditioning of sub-standard houses; 22 having been approved for Discretionary Grants and 42 for Standard Grants. To date work of improvement has been completed on 455 houses with the assistance of grants. Nine demolition orders were made and 14 sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of informal action, in addition to which 98 houses were repaired without recourse to formal action.

Certain sections of the Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 including the requirements to register premises came into force on 1st May 1964 and other provisions became operative on 1st August 1964. This Act made provision for the safety, health and welfare of people employed in offices, shops, etc. and will involve the department in a considerable amount of work as the Regulations are brought into force.

It is a matter of considerable concern to the Public Health Committee that it has not been possible to implement the Litter Act, and consequently much time and thought has been given to keeping the District tidy and as free from litter as our limited resources will allow.

I would gladly acknowledge the loyal support of my staff in carrying out the many and varied duties devolving on my Department which have included the problems of noise and smoke abatement and I am grateful to the Chairman, Members of the Health Committee and the Chief Officers of the Council for their helpful co-operation at all times.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

PEARSON P. CHAMINGS

Chief Public Health Inspector

COMPLAINTS

A total of 183 complaints were received during the year 1964 all of which were investigated and appropriate action taken.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are the numbers and nature of Inspections made during the year:-

Houses inspected	1173
Number of inspections and re-inspections of houses	2563
Inspections under Housing Regulations	-
Visits re complaints and nuisances	183
Visits re Meat Inspection	666
Visits re Notifiable Diseases	21
Milk and Dairies	12
Piggeries	86
Schools	12
Factories and Workshops	26
Outworkers' Premises	4
Tents, 'Vans and Sheds	528
Water Supply	179
Works in Progress	430
Drainage	500
Shops etc. (re unfit food)	8
Visits to shops and food premises	438
Rodent Control	83
Canal Boats	-
Outside Interviews	618
Vermineous Premises	-
Miscellaneous	328
Total number of informal notices served during the year	47
Offices & Shops	12
Animal Boarding Establishments	54

HOUSING

1. Inspections of Dwelling- houses during the year:-

(i)(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1173
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	2563
(ii) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	14
(iv) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) not found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	37

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers

98

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

A. Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs -

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices -

(a) by Owners

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices -

(a) by Owners

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners

C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957:-

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made -

9

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in anticipation of Demolition Orders

14

(iii) Number of Undertakings accepted under Section 16

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(iv) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made -

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General - Housing

Nine Demolition Orders were made during the year. In addition fourteen sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of informal action.

Discretionary Grants

Applications were approved during the year for 22 houses and one application was refused.

Work was completed at 14 houses and grants totalling £4,430 were certified for payment.

Standard Grants

Forty-two applications were approved and one was refused during the year. Certificates for payment of grants totalling £5,622 were issued in respect of 50 houses.

Rent Act 1957

Only one application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received during the year and an undertaking was given by the landlord to carry out the work.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Camping Club of Great Britain continued to maintain their holiday site at Romsley in a satisfactory manner.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk

As the District was in a 'specified area' all milk sold to the public had to be under one of the authorised Special Designations and consequently no samples of non designated milk were taken. It will be appreciated that a large percentage of the milk retailed in the District was bottled in other Authorities' areas where it was regularly sampled.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

There are five licensed slaughterhouses in the District. All animals were inspected and this entailed some extra work at weekends and in evenings.

Following is a summary of the inspections and condemnations which took place:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs and Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	576	6	70	3,408	491
Number inspected	576	6	70	3,408	491
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	4	38	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	-	2	59	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	2.97%	-	8.57%	2.84%	.20%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.61%

Routine visits were made to food shops, cafes and public houses for the inspection of premises and examination of food stuffs and, in the main, conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

During the year 70 samples of various foodstuffs, including cooked meats, pies, coconut etc. were taken from premises with the District and submitted for examination. In no case was the organism of salmonella or dysentery found.

The following is a list of foodstuffs of various kinds which were condemned as unfit for human consumption at retail food premises during the year:-

104	Tins Tomatoes	3	Tins Strawberries
24	" Grapefruit	1	" Beetroot
3	" Evaporated milk	21	" Soup
21	" Cream	1	" Sponge Pudding
3	" Sardines	1	" Pineapple Juice
9	" Beans	2	" Minced Beef Loaf
1	" Macaroni	3	" Tuna
2	" Luncheon Meat	2	" Peanut Butter
7	" Fruit Cocktail	12	" Pears
4	" Pilchards	8	" Orange Juice
14	" Peas	1	" Plums
11	" Pineapple	2	" Baby Food
29	" Peaches	1	" Shrimps
6	" Apricots	3	" Grapefruit
2	" Stewed Steak	2	" Ham
2	" Corned Beef	3	" Mandarins
8	" Oranges	1	" Marmalade
2	" Salmon	1	" Steak & Kidney Pie
3	" Damsons	1	" Coffee
1	" Crab	1	" Semolina
1	" Condensed Milk	2	Jars Prawns
1	Jar Relish	7	Packets Raspberries
25	Packets Peas	4	" Chips
20	" Pileice	15	" Shepherds Pie
16	" Beefburgers	8	" Sliced Beans
72	" Fish Fingers	6	" Cod Fillets
5	" Apple Pie	5	" Steaklets
2	" Chicken	8	" Kippers
8	" Steakburgers		
11	" Peas and Carrots		
13	" Sprouts	160	lbs. Beef

(c) Ice Cream

The total number of registrations in force for premises for the manufacture of ice cream was two and for the retail sale only 139.

Sixty-seven samples were submitted during the year for bacteriological examination and the results of the samples were as follows:-

Provisional Grade	1	49 Satisfactory
	2	10 Satisfactory
	3	7 Unsatisfactory
	4	1 Unsatisfactory

The unsatisfactory samples were followed up and satisfactory results obtained.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

Twenty licences to slaughter animals were issued under the above Act during the year.

HOUSE DRAINAGE

Four existing houses were connected to sewers and 4 were drained to cesspools.

Also 517 new houses were connected to sewers and 20 to cesspools.

The question of providing sewers to various parts of the District and improving disposal works where necessary was considered by the Council during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

Four samples of mains water were submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination and were satisfactory. One sample submitted for bacteriological examination only was also satisfactory.

Eleven samples of water from private wells and springs were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination; of these 9 were chemically satisfactory and 3 bacteriologically satisfactory; 2 were chemically unsatisfactory and 8 bacteriologically unsatisfactory.

Seventeen samples were taken for bacteriological examination only of which 4 were satisfactory and 13 unsatisfactory.

One sample taken for chemical examination only was satisfactory.

Twenty-seven existing premises were connected to the water main in 1964.

A total of 4,536 yards of new mains were laid by the various Water Undertakings within the District during the year. Apart from a scheme to serve the Woodcote area of Dodford these extensions were principally to supply new development in various parishes.

There is still the need to provide main water to the considerable number of houses in the District in urgent need of piped water supply.

DISINFESTATION

No house was found to be in need of disinfestation.

All the Council refuse tips were periodically treated for flies and crickets where necessary by the Surveyor's Department.

RODENT CONTROL

A full time Rodent Operative is employed. A total of 234 infestations of private houses, 36 ^{business} premises and 96 agricultural premises were successfully treated.

During the year the Council continued to provide a free service for the destruction of rats at private dwellings but in the case of business premises a charge was made as previously.

The service was fully used and in addition 913 visits were made for survey purposes by the Operative.

Fifty-six contracts were made for the treatment of business and agricultural premises during the year and the income from this source amounted to £301.10.0.

Due to the co-operation of the public, possibly because of free service, 112 infestations were notified. These were in early stages and were thus only of a minor nature but it seems essential to continue the service to prevent any large-scale build-up.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1949

No case occurred during the course of the year where it was necessary to make arrangements for the burial, under the provisions of the above Act, of a person dying within the District.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIAL ACT 1951

The premises of one firm are registered for the use of filling material to which this Act applies.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The number of industrial premises is not large and as a result air pollution from factory chimneys did not present a problem.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	81	22	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	18	4	-	-
TOTAL	102	26	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS (1)	No. of Cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
			Referred		
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

